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SUBJECT: PARTIAL GRANT NOMINEE ALEC BORRAINE

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1. DO NOT UNDERSTAND CU/AF RELUCTANCE TO AWARD PARTIAL GRANT TO BORRAINE, AS HE HAS NEVER BEEN USG GRANTEE AND WE ARE REQUESTING US DOMESTIC TRAVEL ONLY (PROBABLY UNDERHLDTPPLM HE IS IMPORTANT OPPOSITION POLITICAL FIGURE WITH STRONG INTEREST IN BLACK LABOR AND RELATED FIELDS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN SA'S BLACK-WHITE POLITICS. MINOR GRANT WOULD DO MUCH TO STRENGTHEN HIS TIES WITH US ACADEMICS INTERESTED IN SA POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

2. IF INSTITUTIONAL GRANT WOULD BE MORE APPEALING, SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF GRANT TO AFRICAN STUDIES DEPT OF UCLA (PROFESSOR RICHAR2 ()-4) WHICH IS ONE OF INSTITUTIONS THAT WANTS TO SEE BORRAINE. ALTERNATIVELY, COULD OVERSEAS LIAISON COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION ASSIST BORRAINE OR HANDLE TRAVEL GRANT FOR HIM. THEY MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN HIM AS UNIQUE RESOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT SA. WE DO NOT BELIEVE BORRAINE WOULD HAVE FUNDS VISIT MOST OF THESE INSTITUTIONS WITHOUT SOME KIND OF US TRAVEL ASSISTANCE.

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